

STRANGER GETS INTO TROUBLE

Worthless Checks Lands Young Man in Jail

E. D. Gibson, a young man about 25 years of age, was arrested Tuesday night as he was boarding the north-bound Denver train for Bowie. City Marshal Lewis made the arrest and escorted Gibson to jail. The prisoner is charged with passing a worthless check on Hugh Greer, the furnishing goods merchant on the south side of the square. Wednesday morning Gibson was brought into the county attorney's office and questioned about the check. He admitted to County Attorney Schalts that he passed the check on Mr. Greer, but refused to make any further statement regarding it. The name of G. B. Howell, a farmer, was the name forged and the amount was for \$18.50. Mr. Howell was present at the county attorney's office and denied authorizing the young man to sign his name to the check; he stated further that he had never seen the young man before. When Mr. Howell made this remark, Gibson laughed and said, "You don't remember meeting me yesterday, and what's the matter with you?" Tuesday afternoon Gibson went into the Greer store and purchased \$12.50 worth of goods and presented a check for \$18.50 signed by G. B. Howell and endorsed by R. L. Miller, the fellow Gibson claiming that his name was Miller and was working on the Howell farm west of town. The check was drawn on the First State bank and was immediately turned down when presented. The matter was reported to Marshal Lewis, who immediately went to work on the case, and as the midnight train was leaving the station, the marshal captured the man wanted, as he was in the act of boarding the cars for Bowie. After being taken in by the officer, Gibson made a statement to Marshal Lewis, giving his name and a story of hard luck which prompted him to pass the bad paper. To County Attorney Schalts, Gibson stated he formerly lived in the Shedd country, but for the past several years had been a resident of Tarrant county, living 18 miles southeast of Worth.

Morris Store at Chico Burglarized

Burglars entered the store of the Morris Mercantile Co. at Chico Monday night and carried away jewelry in the amount of over \$1,000. The burglars entered the store room by cutting an opening in one of the windows. A knife was found in the building when the store was opened Tuesday morning and this may lead to a clue. On the handle of the knife is printed "1711, Tenth Avenue, Wichita Falls." The sheriff's office was notified early Tuesday morning about the robbery and Sheriff Sam Faith left for Chico immediately and with the assistance of Marshal Bingham of Bridgeport, is working on the case. Two strangers were arrested in Chico on the morning following the burglary.

Ft. Worth Tourists Smash Speed Limit

Ex-mayor Bill Davis and Guy Waggoner of Fort Worth, passed through the city last week enroute to the Waggoner ranch near Vernon. The gentlemen were in such a hurry that the speed limit of Decatur was smashed into smithereens. After the gentlemen had whizzed through town, Constable Tom McCracken rushed to the phone and called Constable Alford at Alvord to intercept the automobilists and inform them of their infraction of the law. In a few minutes Messrs. Davis and Waggoner drove into Alvord and the constable collected the damages, amounting to something like \$13. The fines were promptly paid and the tourists continued on their journey.

HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES REFUSE LADIES' REQUEST

All Local Organizations "Turned Back" by Board—Peoples' Auditorium Shall Not Be Used By the People—Oh!

The ladies of the Civic League and the members of the High School board held an interesting meeting Thursday afternoon in the county court room. The meeting was called by the ladies for the purpose of asking the board's permission for the league to use the school auditorium for public gatherings that are intended for the advancement of the town's best interests. A large number of league members, several of the school trustees and a sprinkling of representatives of the business interests of the town were present. Mrs. Cates, president of the league, called the meeting to order and stated the object of the gathering. And the fun was on.

The courtroom has been the scene of numerous struggles of wits; oratory of the sublime kind, thrilling, startling, has resounded in that old gray-walled room. Titanic contests and tough tussels have surged back and forth under the carved emblem of "Justice," decorating the furniture fixings to the rear and overlooking the cushioned chair of the presiding officer. But we are drifting frightfully in the attempt to report the meeting of the Civic League and the High School Board of Trustees.

As stated, the ladies of the splendid civic organization requested the privilege of giving entertainments in the public school auditorium. This request was politely, yet positively refused, the trustees taking the stand that the auditorium shall be used only for entertainments that bring money direct to the school funds. No gathering of the people in the auditorium will be tolerated by the board, unless said gathering is for the purpose of fattening the till of the Decatur High School. It is feared by the board that the furniture, walls, etc., of the building will be mutilated and rendered unsightly and unfit for service if the doors are thrown open to the public. The pyrotechnics and some down-right sound, logical arguments followed. The ladies contended that the auditorium should be used for public entertainments that are for the benefit of the social and moral betterment of the people; that the auditorium is the property of the people and they certainly should have the privilege of using it for gatherings of the people; that the school board is over-jumping its authority in denying the patrons, the mothers, fathers and sisters of pupils the right to meet in social gatherings in the room that is equipped by the family funds. Short talks and some long talks were made by the ladies. Mr. Dan J. Moss was spokesman for the school board. The meeting adjourned with the ladies determined to push their cause before the people. The school board at last account, was "standing pat."

The Messenger ventures the assertion that the school board surrenders, capitulates, or whatever you call it, before another set of citizens is groomed for the positions. If the present board continue to "stand pat" there are now rosy prospects, so the ladies state of a new controlling influence in school board matters when the next trustees election is held.

Fifth Annual Convention and Institute W. C. T. U. of 13th District of Texas

To Convene in Decatur, Texas, in the First Baptist Church Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24-25, 1914

OFFICERS	
President.....	Mrs. Rena M. Watts
Vice President.....	Mrs. Jas. McCarter
Treasurer.....	Mrs. F. J. Noland
Recording Sec.....	Mrs. Eula Twichell
COMMITTEES	
Entertainment:	Mrs. R. E. Carswell, S. A. Lillard, J. W. Patterson.
Music:	Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner, D. H. Payne, A. C. Bramlitt.
PROGRAM	
Tuesday, March 24	
4:30 p. m.—	Executive committee meeting.
7:30 p. m.—	President of local union in chair.
Music.	
Scripture reading, Mrs. A. R. Nash.	
Prayer, Rev. B. F. Hall.	
Music.	
Welcomes:—	
For the city, Rev. J. L. Ward.	
For churches, Rev. A. R. Nash.	
For schools, H. W. Barton.	
For clubs, Mrs. C. V. Terrell.	
For societies, Mrs. H. D. Heath.	
For local union, Mrs. J. G. Gose.	
Response—Delegate from Childress.	
Special music.	
Offering.	
Benediction.	
Wednesday, March 25th	
8:30 a. m.—Executive committee.	
9:00 a. m.—Opening of convention.	
Mrs. Rena Watts, Dist. Pres.	
Devotional. Music.	
Roll call of officers and superintendents.	
Response, bible verse.	
Minutes of executive meetings.	
Appointment of committees.	
Reading of district constitution.	
Report of district officers and superintendents.	
Report from local unions.	
Discussions—"The Work Most Needed to Be Done by the W. C. T. U. of this District."	
"Co-operation With the Missionary Societies," Mrs. W. W. Williams.	
"Sabbath Observance," Mrs. L. E. McCurdy, Vernon.	
"Our Responsibility For the Training of the Young People of Our Community," Mrs. Lee Morris, Chico.	
"The Use of Our Official Organs," by the State President.	
Noontide prayer.	
12:15—Adjourn for lunch.	
Afternoon Session	
1:30 p. m.—Committee meetings.	
2:00 p. m.—Devotional, Rhome delegate.	
Minutes.	
Report of credential committee.	
Election of officers.	
3: p. m.—Address, "Institute Work," State Officer.	
"Social Meetings and Red Letter Days," Mrs. Maggie Akin.	
Discussion—"What Are Our Respective Unions Doing to Promote the Cause of Prohibition?" led by Mrs. Jas. McCarter.	
IN MEMORIAM	
"Oh blessed sleep that will not break For tears, nor prayers, nor love's sweet sake. God understands, His ways are right. Bid His beloved a fond goodnight." —Led by delegate.	
Unfinished and new business.	
Report of committee: finance resolution, etc.	
7:30 p. m.—Music, devotional.	
Special music.	
Address by a State Officer of union.	
Music. Free will offering.	
Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."	
Benediction.	

COUNTY FAIR DIRECTORS MEET

Some Splendid Progress Toward Fall Show

At a meeting of the directors of the Wise county fair association, held Tuesday night in the lobby of the City National bank, the actual work of pushing the association's interests was started. The work of fencing the grounds recently purchased from Mr. Skaggs, east of the Denver tracks, will start just as soon as the big posts arrive. Following the completion of the fence the main buildings and stock stalls and pens will start, and it is believed everything will be in shipshape for the best fair entertainment this fall ever held in this section. Something like \$2,000 in money prizes will be distributed to the farmers and stockraisers at the big fall gathering, and everything now points to success for the show. No dates for holding the fair have been announced. At the meeting Tuesday night were, Dr. L. H. Reeves, J. Warren Lillard, J. H. Mecaskey, C. B. Gunn, Dick Collins, Sam Renshaw and Walter Stokes. Mr. Stokes was a visitor and took keen interest in the directors' plans to give Wise county a first-class fair.

Harmony Club Is Preparing Operetta.

As the last number of the Scout lyceum course, the ladies of the Harmony club of Decatur are preparing to give a Japanese operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," on Tuesday night, March 31st.

This will be one of the most enjoyable productions ever witnessed in Decatur. The cast is made up of some of the very best musical and and histrionic talent in the town, and every part will be well portrayed. The music is pretty and catchy, and the leading roles will be carried by excellent voices.

The cast and synopsis of the operetta will be published next week. Remember the date, Tuesday, March 31st.

May Attach Letter to P. P. Package.

Washington, March 17.—To further add to the popularity of the parcels post Postmaster General Burleson today signed an order which will permit the attaching of a letter to a package when the letter and package are addressed to the same individual. The sending of a communication with a parcels post package heretofore has not been permitted.

Odd Fellows Elect Grand Lodge Officers

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—E. R. Misner of Hamilton, was elected grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Texas at last night's session. E. A. Johnson of Corsicana, was elected deputy grand master, C. L. Brachfield of Henderson, grand warden, W. H. Walker, grand secretary, W. A. Spangler of Bonham, grand representative.

To the Democrats of Texas.

A mass meeting of democrats who favor Hon. Thos. H. Ball for governor is hereby called for Saturday, March 28, 1914, to meet at their respective court houses of each county at 2:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Tom Ball club and selecting a county chairman and precinct chairman for each voting precinct. Please send me the name and post office address of every officer elected. A. W. WALKER, Manager.

Spend an evening of real pleasure at the Majestic. Three reels of good pictures—always a change.

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when you use our celebrated Golden Gate brand of teas and coffees. They savor of the real thing.

You Will Recognize

our coffee by the rich, mellow aroma peculiar to the GOLDEN GATE brand. Groceries Fresh Vegetables Fine Fruits Light Crust Flour

Collins Grocery Co.

The New Lumber Yard

C. D. Shamburger

Dealer in all kinds of BUILDING MATERIAL.

We have anything you need in this line.

Honesty and courteous treatment to all customers. We solicit your business. Let us figure your bill.

L. H. McLARTY, Manager

East Main Street, Decatur, Texas

DICKSON-SHAW Milliners

Opening March 20, 21

Call on us; we are prepared to please you Parlors over City Bakery In rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Ingram

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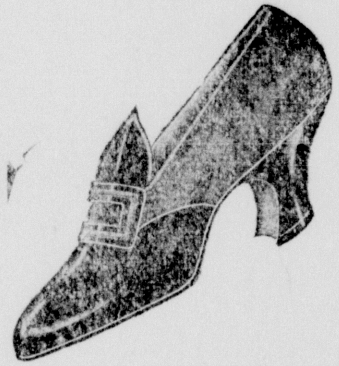
Additional Shipments of Spring Goods

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED EVERY DAY THIS WEEK
New Dresses, New Slippers, New Dress Goods, Children's New Dresses

We think the new dresses made up in the plain and figured CREPES in the new styles are the most tempting we have ever shown. Many new garments have been received and more coming in every day.

Come every day and let us show you the new spring goods. They are brimfull of newness
 They are crisp and breathe the freshness of the new season's productions.

Supreme Style in Ladies' Footwear



We think our showing of ladies' footwear for spring and summer is the most complete assortment we have ever had. Patent Colonial pumps, with French and Cuban heels, will find most favor, together with the very popular "Mary Jane" style with the low heel and one strap.

A beautiful patent colonial pump, turn sole and French heel, priced at\$4.00
 Several styles in patent colonial and regular pumps, thin soles, beautiful buckles, at\$3.50
 The popular "Mary Jane" style, patent leather, medium sole, low heel, one strap, very suitable for growing girls and misses, all sizes\$3.00
 Don't fail to inspect our line of pumps and low shoes in all leathers and styles at\$2.00 and \$2.50

Specials in Ladies' and Children's Slippers

In going through our stock of low shoes for ladies and children we have found quite a good many ODD PAIRS of different kinds.

We have taken these all out of the shelves and placed them on a big counter and marked them at from a half to one third the original prices. For instance, you can find ladies' pumps that sold for as high as \$4.00 marked at\$1.45
 Some \$2.50 slippers marked 95c
 Some \$3.00 slippers marked\$1.45
 Not a pair of these slippers that did not cost more than we are asking for them.

\$3.50 Packard Shoes for \$1.95

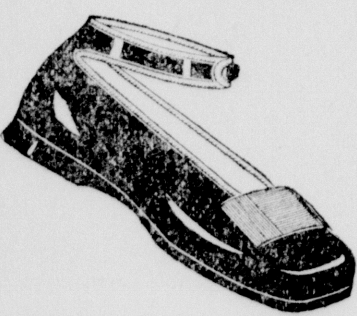
Special lot of odds and ends in "PACKARD" \$3.50 shoes, the best shoe that can be bought for the money. Find your size in the lot and take them for\$1.95

New Silks and Dress Goods

In its rich diversity of fabrics, high quality and exclusiveness this display has no equal in Decatur. We want you to come and let us show you the new things and we are sure they will appeal to you.

Creme Meteor, a most beautiful, soft and clingy weave in black, white and most every desirable spring shade; 42 inches in width, extremely popular this season, at\$1.75
 Beautiful 40 inch creme de chine in most every wanted shade for spring, a splendid \$2.00 grade at\$1.50
 Several beautiful patterns in 24-inch foulards; small dainty designs that will instantly appeal to you—priced at\$1.00
 26-inch silk and cotton ratine with self figure, in blue and tan, priced at 50c
 Big collection of colored crepes, figured and plain, in every wanted color; a beautiful assortment to select from at 25c

Slippers for the Children



We have provided for the little folks better than ever before, and we want you to take advantage of our offerings. Wide, comfortable lasts, combined with neat appearance, makes buying footwear for the children a pleasure.

Strap kid pump, size 2 to 5, at only 50c
 Big assortment of pumps in kid, patent and gunmetal, sizes 2 to 5, priced at\$1.00 and \$1.25
 Child's strap pumps and oxfords in gunmetal, patent and kid, sizes 5 to 7, at\$1.00 to \$1.50
 "Baby Doll" paten pump, spring heel, flexible welt sole, priced at\$1.75 and \$2.00
 Don't fail to see our line of children's slippers and pumps in sizes 8 to 2, priced at\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2

First Showing of Authentic Spring Fashions

You may not be fully posted as to the latest correct styles in men's clothes; most men don't keep very close track of such things; but you needn't worry about that, for when you come here to look for a suit, we'll show you the late models designed by

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX

That means that you can rest assured of being dressed in the most approved and correct styles, for these makers are style creators. They not only produce the most fashionable models in the country, but set the styles for a good many other concerns.

We are showing a nice collection of the Hart Schaffner & Marx suits at\$20.00 and \$22.50
 All the new colors and weaves in well-tailored suit at from\$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00

Say!

Do You Know That

\$15

will get you a real \$25 SUIT made to your Order?



Scotch WOOLEN MILLS World's Greatest Tailors

Men's Tailor-made Clothing

If you are hard to fit or want a custom-tailored suit, let the Scotch Woolens Mills make it for you. We are their exclusive agents in Decatur.

All wool suit made to your measure, only\$15.00
 Choice of over 500 patterns

Remember, We Keep Your Clothing Pressed For You Free of Charge

Bargains in Dry Goods

We invite you to partake of these bargains in dry goods.
 Extra nice quality white crepe for making underwear, 20c value, per yard 15c
 36-inch light and dark style percales, worth 12 1-2c, at 10c
 American and Columbia prints, light and dark styles, your choice 5c
 36-inch "Good as Gold" bleach domestic, worth 10c, our price per yard 8 1-3c
 Standard oil cloth, white and colors 15c
 Extra nice quality white India linen, only 10c
 36-inch all-linen white waisting, only 25c
 33-inch Indian Head domestic only 15c
 Berkely cambric 36 inches wide, only 12 1-2c
 Toile du Nord, Red Seal and A. F. C. ginghams of new spring styles priced at 10c

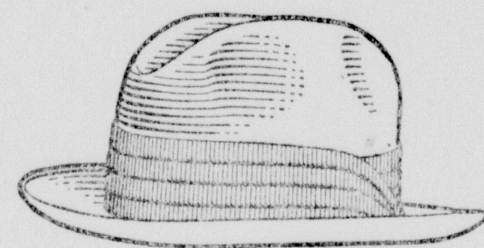
Messaline Petticoats

We have just received by express a big assortment of the newest style soft messaline petticoats in all the latest colors and have priced them for quick selling at\$2.95, \$3.50, \$3.95

Laces and Embroideries Shown Favor

We call your special attention to our counters of valenciennes and linen laces priced at 5c
 Baby sets of Swiss embroidery edge and insertions priced at 10c 12 1-2c and 15c
 Several beautiful designs in crepe and rice cloth flouncings priced at 50c and 75c
 Wide cambric embroidery edge, excellent patterns at 10c
 The values which we are giving in laces and embroideries were never so good.

Spring Styles in Stetson Hats



We have just received a large shipment of Stetson hats in all the new spring styles as well as staples. We are sure you will be pleased with the new ideas and want you to come in and look them over.

The novelty shapes are priced at\$3.50
 Columbia shape in black and white, "Boss Raw Edge" quality, worth \$5, our price\$4.50

Mountain shape Stetson "Boss Raw Edge" quality, worth \$6, our price\$5.00
 See our window display.

Men's New Spring Shirts

Our new spring stock of men's dress shirts has arrived and we think they are the prettiest patterns we have ever shown. Neat pin stripes and fancies in fast colors, beautifully laundered, priced at 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Several pretty styles in soft shirt with collars attached; priced at\$1.00 and \$1.50

Come and buy your season's supply while the sizes are complete.

Ladies' and Misses' Hosiery

"Cadett" hose in the new spring weights are the best hosiery that money can buy. Each and every pair that does not give you absolute satisfaction, return them to us and a new pair will be given you FREE of charge. This applies to men's, women's and children's cadet hose, all weights, price 25c

Misses' extra fine rib hose in black, regular 20c quality, are only 2 pair for 25c

Ladies nice quality black silk hose, high spliced heel, heavy garter top, an excellent value at 50c

Heavy all silk black stocking, high spliced heel, a regular \$1 value, our price 75c

Our "Wayne Knit" silk hose at \$1.00 are the very best that money can buy. They are extra heavy and are really worth more money—black, tan and white\$1.00

Handsome Floor Coverings

9x12 art squares in several beautiful designs, priced at\$9.85
 Heavy yard-wide white China matting, the yard 25c
 8-5 E quality linoleums in several excellent patterns, per square yard 50c

New Styles in Men's Oxfords

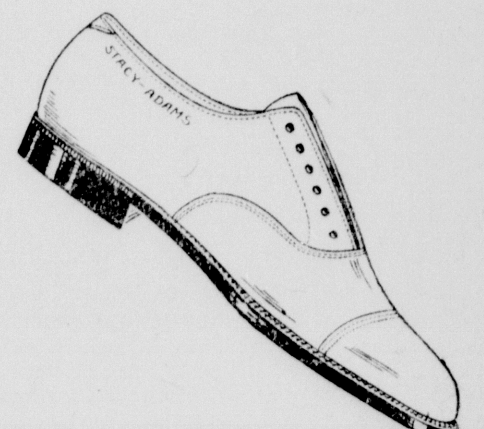
Our new stock of men's low shoes in the celebrated Stacy Adams and Packard makes is full and complete. We invite you to come and inspect the new styles. The popular English walking last is going to find great favor this season and we have prepared our stock accordingly.

Tan Packard English blucher spring heel, rubber sole; others ask \$4 and \$5, our price only\$3.50

A wide range of styles and leathers including gunmetal, tan, kangaroo and patent leather to select from at\$3.50

We call your special attention to the English last in black and tan that we are showing at\$4.00

Stacy Adams low shoes are the last word in spring footwear for men. We are showing the new English last, as well as the more conservative models in all leathers, priced at\$5.50



THE RED STORE

Twenty-One --- Associated Stores In Texas and Oklahoma --- Twenty-One

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur

SOUTH BOUND	NORTH BOUND
No. 8—5:06 a.m.	No. 3— 9:38 a. m
No. 2—4:43 p.m.	No. 1—11:20 a. m
No. 4—3:22 p.m.	No. 7—12:45 p. m

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

B. Fox and T. Terrell of Bryant's school, Fort Worth, were here this week.

The Majestic, in new quarters, is stylish and well able to please all patrons.

Miss Grace Bunnell of Arlington, has this week been the guest of Miss Burch Mann.

Be sure and inspect the new spring goods of every description at Lillard Mississippi Store.

Mrs. M. B. Smith and children left Saturday for a visit to relatives at Loveland, Okla.

Prof. and Mrs. James St. Clair of Fort Worth, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Miss Mora Neilson returned this week from an extended visit to Mrs. Osgood Young in Marlin.

Mrs. Sam Salt and Miss Hassye McCoye of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Riddle.

Mrs. Robert Brown of Henrietta, and Miss Mary Thurmond of Rhome, were the guests of Miss Rowan.

There will be work in the Masonic Blue lodge Saturday night, and in the Royal Arch chapter Monday night.

Miss Nell Troxell, one of Rhome's most charming young ladies and former student of Decatur college, visited here Monday.

There are many new arrivals in Decatur; they come both by freight and express. You will find them at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Mr. John Harris and Miss Chellie Wright, two popular young people of Rhome, were married Sunday at the bride's home in that city.

H. T. Magers, an old time friend of the Messenger and one of the best citizens of the Alvord community, was in the city last week, visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. Riddle.

New hats and caps for both man and boy at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

A home-talent play, "The Town Marshall," will be given by the young people of the Valley View community tomorrow, Saturday night for the benefit of the Mothers' club.

Warren Lillard informs us that quite a number of his cattle have died during the past ten days from "black-leg." Warren was busy for several days on the farm assisting in vaccinating the stock.

Why hesitate? You can find the newest creations of the dry goods world at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Misses Ardina Conley of Alvord and Miss Stult of the Paradise community, were pleasant callers at the Messenger office Saturday. These young ladies are two of our most popular school teachers.

Deputy Sheriff Ben Pior and Constable Elrod arrested a young man by the name of Hill at Alvord Saturday and relieved him of a gun. He was carried to jail at Decatur in default of bond.—Alvord News.

Most all Wise county farmers have been planting corn the past ten days. The corn acreage will be larger this year than for several seasons. The ground is in excellent condition for planting, and the best of weather has been prevailing.

Carey Batdorf, the representative of Decatur Odd Fellows lodge, and Mrs. Batdorf, Miss Belah Madden, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Small and J. A. Wasson attended the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebeckahs which has been in session this week.

Mary Jane and Baby Doll slippers at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Dick Hill and Miss Elizabeth Emerson at McKinney on March 25. The bride-to-be is a member of one of the most prominent families in the Collin county capital, while Dick is a well known Decatur boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill.

Slippers of every description with the cut steel buckles at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

MEN WANTED—At once to learn the barber trade. Jobs always waiting. Better wages than you earn without trade. Tools given. Few weeks complete. Drop a card for particulars. MOLER BARBER COLLEGE, Dallas, Texas.

"PRIDE OF TEXAS."

Jack Ball was in Alvord Sunday.

W. G. Layton was in Alvord Monday.

Walter Owen was in Fort Worth Sunday.

The Majestic features the best of the latest films.

Julian E. Ward of Rhome, was a Decatur visitor Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fox on March 9th, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Workman, Saturday, a girl.

Mack Burch was here Tuesday from an elationeering tour of the county.

Mrs. Glenn Russell and Mrs. B. M. Cobb were Fort Worth visitors this week.

Miss Marie Dobson of Boyd, visited Decatur friends the first of the week.

Wiley Embry and wife and Mrs. Will Hines of Bridgeport, were here Sunday.

Miss Jewel Ingram of Baylor, Waco, is here for a visit to home-folks.

Jesse Borum and wife of Floydada, have been the guests of relatives here this week.

Dr. McFarland of Talia, has been here this week prospecting with a view of location.

Mrs. L. E. Rosser is quite ill.

I am always at my chair, ready to give you the very best shines to be had anywhere. Can change tan shoes to fast black. Walter Spencer, at Owen's barber shop.

A first-class norther struck us yesterday morning, and if somewhat belated, was noe the less effective.

Victor Baldrige and family and Misses Nobles, Donald and Martin of Chico, were here Sunday.

Bud Gardner and family and J. M. Fulghum and wife were here Sunday from Chico.

Miss Helen Smith is in Dallas this week for an operation. She was accompanied by her brother, Rev. Ross.

Frank Green has enlarged and greatly beautified his cream parlor at the City Bakery.

Mrs. J. F. Gragg of Archer City, is visiting relatives here.

Rev. I. V. Stine of Nocona, was here Tuesday, preaching at Pecan church that night.

Henry Troxell was here from Rhome Monday.

Pure home-made candy at the City Bakery—it's fine.

Harry Hart of Okmulgee, Okla., has been here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Venor Patterson visited Bridgeport Sunday.

Mrs. T. F. Milligan of Greenwood, passed through Decatur Tuesday enroute to Dallas.

C. W. Martin was here Sunday from Fort Worth.

W. L. Smith, our genial and accomodating liveryman, has established stables at Bowie with L. H. McCorele as manager, who reports business opening up good.

Mrs. Venor Patterson entertained the Reading club yesterday afternoon at the City Bakery. After an interesting session, refreshments were served.

Rev. H. D. Heath reports very enthusiastic educational meetings in the south part of the county during the past week, and brings back over \$1,000 in subscriptions to the college.

"Made in Decatur"—Pride of Texas flour.

The ladies' missionary conference of the M. E. church will be held in McKinney this year, the session convening on March 31 and continuing until April 3. The general council will be held in Fort Worth April 22.

Drink orange julep at the City Bakery.

Mesdames Vastine & Melton announce their millinery opening of spring styles today and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, March 20 21. On Saturday roses and carnations will be given as favors to visitors.

Every sack guaranteed, excelled by none—Pride of Texas flour—your grocer has it.

Owing to other business, Bob Hopson withdraws from the race of justice of the peace of precinct No. 1. He has purchased an interest in the Temple barber shop, which will require his time. Bob thanks the people who have expressed their willingness to support him for the office. There is strong talk of Rev. M. B. Johnson entering the race for justice.

All the new ones all the time—slippers, hats, dress goods, etc., at Lillard's Mississippi Store.

COME AND SEE For Yourself

OUR NEW LINE OF

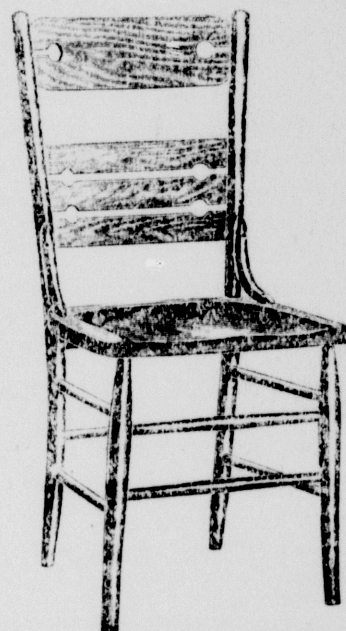
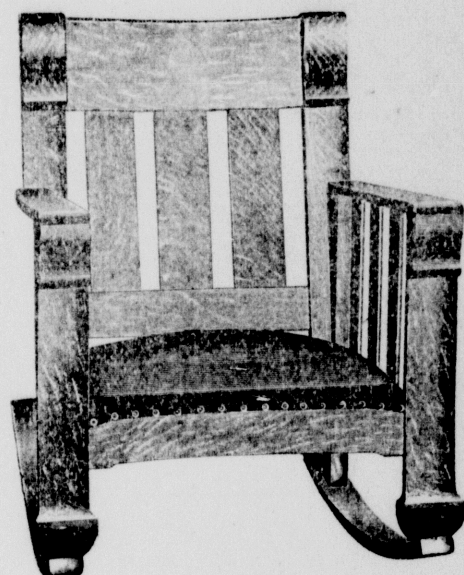
Draperies and Floor Coverings Lace Curtains, Portiers, Couch

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Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Teddy Roosevelt is a grand-daddy.

Villa has very little respect for grape juice diplomacy.

Many a girl is proud of her ankles because she wears a split skirt.

The old town is goin' some, brother. The pessimists are on the run.

While you are house-cleaning, don't fail to clean up your premises.

Whoop 'em up all along the line—the old town is steppin' along. Get up in the band wagon.

Yes, this is beautiful, summer-like weather, but we would advise you not to take 'em off for a while.

"Brighten up" is the style for this spring. Use paint and whitewash on your premises, and let's put a new garb on the town.

With the East Line and the national highway running through Delightful Decatur, there will be little hope left for the knockers.

Tris Speaker has brought home the smoked middlings. The Hubbard City chap tops the scale of high-salaried ball players. The Georgia Peach is not in the Texan's class.

Hon. Clarence Ousley says he will accept the nomination for governor at the hands of the antis. Well, Mr. Clarence, you will be a wiser man when the contest has subsided.

"If the Messenger will help us, we can open the high school auditorium for our local gatherings," stated one of the good ladies of the civic league. All right, the Messenger is with you; on with the fun.

Worth S Ray is a candidate for state comptroller. Ray is the chief clerk in Comptroller Lane's department and he promises a continuation of his present chief's policies if elected. Worth Ray is a good man, and splendidly equipped in ability and experience to hold down the place he seeks. He is a pro, a good pro, and stands up for his convictions.

The present high school board has been in service a long time, and we understand the members are weary of the duties and are ready to retire to the shades of private life when their present term ends. These gentlemen have done good work and the magnificent building recently erected for the Decatur school children will stand for years as a monument to the board's good efforts. After long years of work and worry over the school affairs, and desiring to retire from the positions, the people should allow Dr. Embry and his board to have their wishes gratified and the responsibilities placed on less weary shoulders.

A high-flying cashier of one of the oldest national banks of Memphis, Tenn., has wrecked the institution, stealing over a million dollars. The gentleman is now in jail, having his meals supplied from a swell cafe. He refuses to "give out" anything. He will be tried when the excitement caused by the failure has spent its force, and a sentence of, say, five years will be given him. After about two years of the sentence has been served, Mr. Raines' health will alarm his powerful political friends, and the prison doors will open to allow the "invalid" to go free. Mr. Raines will mend rapidly and the gay old world will claim another "good fellow." Raines was a high liver and his wife "ruler of the Rains roost," aspired to excel in dress and social functions, the little Raines were "goers" in the higher circles—and the cashier went to stealing. Small amounts were first taken, then hundreds of dollars of other peoples' money went into his pockets. Then thousands, and the last haul went over the half million mark. The bank went broke, Raines went to jail and the depositors went "up in the air." When the gentleman is turned out of prison a great amount of the stolen money will be "dug up" and the Raines family will proceed with the high-flying stunt. And, the depositors? Oh, goshaw!

THE INCOME TAX.

The income tax is an imposition over which very few of us are privileged to get angry.

A man has to have an income of at least \$3,000 a year before he can get mad at the income tax. Even then, he cannot really complain except, of course, in order to show that he is in the down-trodden upper class. A man has to have almost \$10,000 a year before he can put up enough of a mournful moan to make the common citizen look up at him admiringly. He has to pay about \$60 dues in the Seads society each year and if he gets his money's worth out of it he will have to refer mournfully to the woes of the successful about twenty-four times a day.

The income tax has been loaded upon people with obese incomes in order that the tariff can be pried off of a few necessities. This will be a great help to the worried man who is generally about two jumps ahead of the wolf. It will reduce the price of the necessities and the rich man will have to pony up the difference in national revenues. However, this will not make it any easier for the rich man to run for office.

The income tax will be a great hardship, as it will always steal into the rich man's bank account in time to take away the \$100 which he was saving for a pair of new automobile tires or a fur-lined overcoat. However, we should be cheerful over the fact that the worst is yet to come. There seems to be a general feeling in favor of an income tax which will get more severe as the wealth of its victim increases until, by the time a man has become a multi-millionaire, with vested interests all over the country, he will have to pay about 75 per cent a year taxes toward the support of his beloved nation. This would seem to be about the easiest way to remove the vests from the vested interests—to say nothing of the coats and pants.—George Fitch.

There is no democratic party in Texas now. When the pro eliminators met and designated Tom Ball as their gubernatorial standard bearer, the antis said they had withdrawn from the democratic party. Now the antis have gone and done the same thing, so that puts the democratic donkey out of business in Texas.—Waxahachie Light.

The "Go-to-church-Sunday" crusade has invaded most every large city in the nation, and the smaller cities and towns are taking up the idea of selecting a special Sunday on which special efforts are made to have every resident of the place to attend services at one of the different churches. Plans are being discussed by the laymen and pastors of Decatur to have a "Go-to-Church-Sunday" for Decatur, and a date will probably be set soon. A very small per cent of Decatur people attend preaching services regularly. There may be many reasons for this lack of interest in religious services, but a general indifference seems to prevail, which might be greatly eliminated by the organized and proper work on the part of the few who are interested. Did you ever stop to find a reason why YOU do not attend church regularly?

THE FLY PEST.

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house-fly and in late bulletins prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly in Texas begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic cholera and other disease germs.—Denison Sunday Gazette.

And John N. Simpson has returned to the fold! On with the bottle!

We are perplexed and somewhat bamboozled over a question of intricate import and serious momentousness. Question—Why would a gathering of people in the high school auditorium, for the benefit of all the people, be more damaging and wearing on the room's furniture than a benefit gathering for the high school fund?

The thriving town of Greenwood has a state bank. The bank examiner from Austin was there this week and went through the work of making the private institution, that has been in business there for the past several years, into a state bank with the big state of Texas standing behind the deposits. J. P. Rudd, one of the most successful business men in the great Greenwood country, is president of the new institution, and C. E. Perry, genial and thoroughly familiar with the business, is cashier. The Messenger congratulates the people of Greenwood and the new bank.

Verily, the present high school board has been on the job too long, so waves the hands that rock the cradle.

The state pension rolls are growing at an alarming rate. In a few short months, with the present rapid increase continuing, the amount now received by each pensioner will be cut in half. That law, granting a pension to the needy old "rebel" is one of the best measures ever passed by a Texas legislature, but we fear there is coming a day when this law will be in bad repute among the patriotic people of this state, and a new adjustment and re-alignment of its purposes, etc will become necessary for the benefit of the worthy old heroes. In other words, the rolls are becoming burdened with the names of men who are not in need of this assistance from the state. The needy "rebel" would today be receiving double the amount if the fellows who have property and "a good living" were turned back from the till. Our old friend, Capt. Taylor Thompson, states the case when he says "the law is too liberal," or there is some reckless statement of facts made by applicants. There are men drawing pensions who own hundreds of acres of land.

Milady is today choosing her sky-piece—while the mere man is preparing to dodge the bill-collector.

No special session, says Li'l Oscar. Well, what the thunder was he trying to accomplish? He couldn't get by.

Why not let THE PEOPLE settle the question as to who shall use the school auditorium. When the school trustee election occurs, why not place the proposition on the ticket thusly: "For Use of Auditorium By Public." "Against Use of Auditorium By Public." That's a good way to settle it.

Comptroller Lane, in speaking of Worth S. Ray, candidate for the office now held by Mr. Lane, says, "In my judgment Worth S. Ray will make the people of Texas an honest, efficient comptroller. He is in a better position to carry out the work which I have inaugurated than any other one man in Texas."

JACK MOSS.

Jack Moss is a doer of things; he is energetic, brim full of vim, vigor and vitality, and is never happy unless these elements in his make-up are running full steam ahead, and with the precise, tireless stroke of a Corliss engine. In business or in the game of politics, he is busy; busy as the willing working bee. Jack never lags; it is the "limit" with him, or no game at all. Majorities and minorities look alike to him, and the popularity of an issue never enters into his decisions to "speak out in meeting." He forms an opinion then removes the bridle from his tongue—prince, potentate or princess to the contrary notwithstanding.

Yes, these are characteristics that have characterized, that is, they have made him appear a little different from the average fellow who goes in and takes a hand in questions momentous or otherwise, since he left the dank swamps of old Louisiana and came to Decatur. But all this is known to his large number of friends—one of whom we are which. So, when Jackson, that's the name the good parish priest handed him when helpless at the baptismal font—yes, when Jackson rose in the meeting Thursday of school trustees and civic league ladies and opposed the fair ones' movement to make the school auditorium the peoples' property, it was proof positive that the said Jack, or Jackson, fears nothing and entertains no longing for political preferment when the hachpin in economic affairs is lost and woman's suffrage is an establishment institution in this sun-kissed and violet-fringed commonwealth.

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Then the seat of government was removed to Philadelphia, where it remained until 1800, since which time it has been in Washington.

Game of "Echo."

One tells a story which echo interrupts whenever the narrator pronounces certain words. These words relate to the profession or trade of the subject of the story. If the story is about a merchant each takes the name of some article of merchandise. When the speaker says one of these words he to whom it applies must repeat it. If the same word is said a second time it must be repeated twice, and so on. When merchandise is spoken all must echo it once or twice, according to the number of times it has been said.

When the Wind Blows.

When the wind is blowing at ten miles an hour it is a pleasant breeze, at twenty a brisk wind, at thirty a high wind, at forty a very high wind, at fifty a storm, at seventy a great storm, at eighty to a hundred a hurricane. The wind that destroyed Galveston some years ago blew at the rate of eighty-four miles an hour with a force of 35,000 pounds per square foot.

The Wild Flower Tamer.

"Wild flower tamer's come to town!" "All the posies cried." "See him stalking up and down!" "Let us run and hide!"

So the wild flowers hid away—All of them but one. Wild Rose said, "I'm going to stay Just to see the fun."

Wild flower tamer came to her With his wondrous powers, And a primrose she became, Tamer of the flowers.

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Dining Tables

Handsome Colonial Designs—Finished in Quartered Golden Oak and Early English—6 and 8 foot extensions. Duo-style locks. Prices \$10.00, \$13.50, \$18.50, \$23.50, \$30.00 and \$33.50. These are bargains you should not overlook.

Buffets and Sideboards

Exceptionally fine assortment of Buffets, golden Oak and early English finishes, 42 to 54 in lengths, \$18.50 and \$55 values at \$12.00 and \$31.50.

Quartered Oak China Closets.

Made with a double strength glass, beat end, shelves are adjustable and grooved. The material is of the best selected quartered oak. Highly polished. Specially reduced to \$11.98.

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Massive beautiful rockers, extra stylish and exceedingly comfortable, has large solid shaped back, full roll seat, spindles on the side extending to runners, they are made of beautiful grained Imperial oak, are marvels at the price, truly wonderful. Sale price \$3.98

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A 1911 model Collapsible Go-Cart that folds completely with one motion. All-steel frame and body of guaranteed Imperial leather. Complete with hood. This week at \$3.95

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Young Man Beats Two Decatur Banks

A smooth faced boyish looking rascal arrived in the city the latter part of last week and immediately proceeded with the work of putting over one of the cleverest pieces of forgery seen here in many days. The First National bank was trapped for \$40 and the City National was duped for the same amount. The First State bank, the first institution visited by the young fellow, failed to get caught, telling the young man that it would be necessary that his check bear the endorsement of some member of the Baptist college faculty, the boy claiming that he had only recently arrived to attend the school. He bowed out of the First State and went over to the First National, where he presented the check for \$40 to Cashier Rush, saying he wanted to draw only \$25, leaving \$15 on deposit with the bank. The \$25 was given him. Then he went to a dry goods store and bought \$15 worth of goods, giving a check on the First National bank. The check was readily cashed. He then went across to the City National and presented a check for \$40, telling Cashier Warren Lillard that he was attending the local Baptist college and called several students by name, students who are personal friends of Cashier Lillard. The City National does considerable business for the college students and it has all been of the right kind, and the accommodating Warren "fell" for the young man's talk. The \$40 was passed out to the young man with thanks for the privilege of serving him. The afternoon train carried the young "college" man to Fort Worth and from that city he left for parts unknown, and up to this writing nothing has been heard from him. The check he presented was on a Henrietta bank, and bore the name of a prominent merchant in that town, who the boy claimed was an uncle and was supplying the funds for him to attend school. The young man signed his name Sligar.

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"Caprice,"—Majestic bill March 24.

Rev. Ward Accepts College Presidency.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Decatur college, Rev. J. Lawrence Ward accepted the presidency of Decatur Baptist college, which position was tendered him two weeks ago. We congratulate Bro. Ward on the decision, for we believe his action means much to the future prosperity of our great school. W. S. Donoho, English. W. M. Hughes, mathematics. C. W. Murphree, Greek and history. L. E. Rosser Latin and German. W. T. Short, science. W. C. Carver, bible. Miss Marguerita Corder, expression. Miss Bessie Carver, superintendent of Cottage home.

College Dormitory at Denton Burns.

Denton, March 17.—Fire this afternoon damaged the Stoddard hall dormitory at the College of Industrial Arts and for a time threatened to destroy the entire building, which houses more than 100 students. The fire caught in the roof but was extinguished before great headway was made

SHILOH

Will New is in Chico this week on business.

Lewis George was in Chico Monday. Miss Ardena Conley of Alvord, visited Miss Faye Stult the latter part of last week.

There will be a box supper at Shiloh Saturday night, 21, for the benefit of the church. Everyone invited.

A large number of young people of this place attended singing at New South last Sunday.

Mrs. Robison and daughter, Miss May, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Floyd and Loyd Stokes have been on the sick list.

Earl New and wife visited home-folks the latter part of the week.

There will be singing every second and fourth Sunday at Shiloh.

Miss Ella Ross has been on the sick list.

"Caprice," the real rural comedy drama will be seen at the Majestic Tuesday, Mar. 24.

College Seniors Are Entertained

Mrs. Frank Ford entertained the senior class of the college and their friends last Tuesday night in honor of Misses Johnnie Blankenship and Annie Plaxco. Progressive hearts was played. The hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Belle Ford, served refreshments to the following:

Messrs. Dillehay, Crouch, Bloodworth, Wolfe, McCarter, Schulkey, H. St. Clair, L. St. Clair, Spencer, C. Taylor, Standley, Smith, N. Taylor, Harolson, Ellis; Misses Self, Johnston, Roberts, Gibbon, Tripp, Holland, Robertson, Rice, Corder, Plaxco, Williamson, Gentry, Workman, Blankenship, Moore.

League Program.

Leader, W. H. Galloway. Topic: The Story of Yun Chi Ho. Scripture, Eph. 6. 18-20. Solo, Miss Opal Wallace. Fleeing for his life, Miss May Hoyt.

Coming to America, Miss May Belle Pirtle.

Courtship and marriage, Newton P. Taylor.

Frem court to Gensing shed, Miss Ethel Renshaw.

Witnessing in prison, Miss Lizzie May Miller.

A map talk on Korea, J. V. Dean.

Scouts Show Well Against Collegians

The second college base ball team defeated the Scouts in an interesting contest Tuesday, by score of 9 to 6. Errors were plentiful on both teams owing to lack of practice. The Scouts held their heavier opponents well in hands, out-hitting the collegians 9 to 7. Payne, Madden and Stuart each rapped two singles for Scouts, while Payne's work at short was first-class. Heath pitched a steady game, striking out 6. For college, Moore hit safely three times, while Turner rapped a three-bagger.

Notice.

Beginning Monday, March 9th, and continuing until Sept. 1st, we will close at 4 o'clock; Saturdays and first Mondays excepted.

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G. Thinspace Lynn Returns for a Visit

Geo. Lynn, formerly of Decatur, now of Celina, visited old friends in Decatur Sunday. George is now employed with the Celina Record, one of the best papers in Collin county, and seems to be making good with his work. Besides his ability in newspaper work, Lynn possesses splendid musical talent, and is quite proficient in violin, and is now instructing a class in violin at Celina. Here's success to you, George.

Christian Church.

Church services every Sunday 11 a. m.; Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching by B. F. Hall every second and fourth Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. F. HALL, Minister.

England Captains High School Nine

The Decatur high school students met and organized a baseball team on last Tuesday with J. V. Dean as manager and Carl England captain. An effort is being made to secure grounds near the new school building and to erect a grandstand. From the squad now training and trying out it is believed a first class team can be selected. When the team has been picked the management will be open for dates with any high school team in this county or surrounding counties.

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LADIES' CONTEST

Beginning March 28th, we will inaugurate a contest which will be of great interest and profit to the ladies of this section. This contest will continue till July 1st. and it will be worth your time to call on or write me for full particulars. Very little of your time will be required to take part, and you will be well-paid for your efforts whether you secure a premium or not. Write or call today.

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SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PEOPLE

Alfred Noyes, Poet, May Join
Princeton's Faculty.



Photo by American Press Association.

Alfred Noyes, the English poet, who has been in this country lecturing in the cause of world peace since last October, has been asked to become a professor of the faculty of Princeton university and it is said that he has agreed to accept.

The position which Mr. Noyes is to fill is a visiting professorship, with lectures on modern English literature. It will begin about the middle of next February and extend through the second term of the university and, it is understood, will continue in this way for several years.

Mr. Noyes has been pronounced by Kipling, Swinburne and others the foremost writer of lyric verse in the English language today and he is known also as one of the very few men who have contrived to make a living out of poetry. He has upset major traditions of the art of poetry. He dresses fashionably, looks like an athlete and insists on giving poetry a commercial status and making it pay.

Mr. Noyes is thirty-three years old and has been writing poetry for more than twenty years. One morning when he was nine years old he said he awoke with an impulse to write a poem and he has been following the same sort of impulses ever since.

At the age of nineteen his first poem, "The Symbolist," was printed in the weekly supplement of the London Times. At that time he was in Exeter college, Oxford. As soon as he left college he went to London and began to devote himself entirely to the writing of poetry. In ten years he published ten volumes of verse, ranging through nearly every conceivable style and subject and mood, but almost always of a uniformly high degree of excellence.

Guam's New Governor.

The recent announcement that the little Pacific island of Guam is to be made an important advance base for marines has awakened interest in Uncle Sam's smallest colony. We got the island as one of our byproducts of the war with Spain, and it seemed of small value. But now because of its strategic position as a naval base it has assumed a new aspect. Guam is 1,300 miles south of Japan, 1,500 miles east from Manila, a little over 3,000 miles from Honolulu and right on the

line from the Panama canal to the Philippines and east Asia. The island



CAPTAIN W. J. MAXWELL

is under control of the secretary of the navy and is governed by a naval officer and a detachment of marines.

Captain William John Maxwell, U. S. N., who has just been appointed governor, succeeds Commander Alfred W. Hinds. Several hundred marines have been ordered from the Philippines to augment the force already at Guam, and preparations are under way to make it an important naval base and coaling station. The new governor of Guam is a native of the District of Columbia and was appointed to the Naval academy in June, 1874. He is fifty-five years of age and reached his present grade in the service in March, 1911. Previous to his assignment to Guam Captain Maxwell was on duty at the Naval War college at Newport, R. I.

Stahl to Remain in Bank.

Directors of the bank in which he is interested have prevailed upon Jake Stahl to give up baseball. The former leader of the Red Sox announced that he would stick to the banking business. He had been criticised by Ben Johnson for tampering with Speaker. He says his decision is not due to Johnson's attitude, but to his own judgment that his future in the bank is a better guarantee of prosperity than cavorting on the diamond.

England Appeals For Olympic Fund.

The British Olympic committee has decided to make another appeal for a fund of \$200,000 to provide effective representation at the Olympic games to be held at Berlin in 1916.

Recently the Duke of Westminster's Olympic fund committee, which aspired to raise \$500,000 through national subscription for the same purpose, resigned, having failed of its purpose.

New Player For Yankees.

On the recommendation of Fritz Malsel the Yankees have signed John Sullivan, a young second baseman, who played semipro ball around Buffalo last year. Malsel claims his protege is faster than himself. Sullivan batted .400 last season.

Catcher Wilson Quits Giants.

Arthur Wilson, second string catcher with the New York Nationals last year, has become a member of the Toronto Federal league team.

Make known your wants through our classified column

ROUND THE WORLD

Japan has 5,000 miles of steam railways.

It is a strange fact that Africans never sneeze.

Vale of Kashmir, India, is eighty miles long and twenty broad.

Servia has placed an order for 900,000 war medals with a Swiss firm.

At a recent exhibition in Germany 1,000 kinds of sausages were shown.

The average annual wage for Victoria, Australia, is almost \$400 a year.

Sponge waste is used in many German industries, especially for stuffing dolls.

In the Atlantic states there are four motorboats to each thousand of population.

Vienna licenses taxicab service, regulating wages of drivers and fares of patrons.

Women's colleges in the United States are better equipped than those for men.

Cuba's best customer for cigars is Great Britain, which takes 60,000,000 every year.

Great Britain is now consuming large quantities of cider, the output increasing yearly.

The majority of the women of the Roman aristocracy have decided to banish the tango.

The United States ranks third in the world's shipbuilding industry, Germany second and Great Britain first.

With a population only two-thirds as great as the United States, Germany has 1,000,000 more labor union members.

An open air pulpit in the tower is one of the features of a new Presbyterian church at Palmer's Green, England.

Sheffield cutlery firms have subscribed \$55,500 for the purpose of prosecuting for fraudulent use of the word "Sheffield" abroad.

All the six sons of John and Mary Wheatland of South Croydon, England, are in the royal navy. Their ages range from sixteen to thirty-seven years.

A Russian army captain has been expelled from his regiment at Smolensk "because of the scandal offered to the army in his humiliating subjection to his wife."

One of the German transatlantic liners carries diving suits equipped with speaking tubes for the use of members of its crew in fighting fires below decks.

The charger used by Napoleon, which was stuffed and placed in a Paris museum, has just had a fourth tail fitted. All the preceding ones were taken by visitors as curios.

A young Norwegian recently skated 1,500 meters, which is about fifteen-sixteenths of a mile, in two minutes and nineteen and one-half seconds, a new world's record.

Five women whose aggregate wealth amounts to more than \$75,000,000 were seen recently in a New York department store at one time, and they were all buying remnants.

Brazil owes her wealth in coffee to a monk who planted two seeds in a monastery garden in Rio de Janeiro in 1754, whence the plants spread throughout the country.

The Chinese are getting interested in equipping their cities with electric power and lighting plants. Within a few years some hundreds of communities are expected to take on electric plants.

After an extensive experiment in a clinic in Cologne the physicians arranged that the average pulse rate of

persons free from heart defects is fifty-nine a minute during sleep and seventy-four when awake, the subjects in either case being at rest in bed.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Exor Matthews of Grand Rapids, Mich., consists, besides the parents, of twelve children, all of whom are either skilled musicians or are taking lessons in the use of some instrument. Each parent is able to play two or three instruments.

"Radium banks" have been established in a few European cities. These banks possess a few milligrams of radium. They lend their radium for one day for \$200 for surgical or other use. Radium salts, it is said, may be repeatedly used without losing any of their properties.

Pearls are alive in the embryonic stage, says Professor Surat, of the French museum, just returned to France from the South Sea islands. He found in the interior of pearl oyster shells flaxy layers containing the larvae of microscopic tentacles, around which the pearl is built.

It is said that never before in any time of peace in the world's history were there so many tents pitched in one place as at the Delhi durbar several years ago, when the great majority of visitors, including the king-emperor and queen-empress, occupied tents just outside the city.

Sponges have never been found in the seas of Japan, but recently some were discovered about the Pescadore islands. They have just been examined by the scientific laboratory at Taihoku, and, while the species is of no commercial value, it is expected that good ones might be grown in the vicinity of those islands.

To Herbert C. Hoover and his wife, Lou H. Hoover, graduates of Stanford university, has been jointly given the first award made by the Metallurgical Society of America "in recognition of their distinguished contributions to the literature of mining." The field of award is not confined to the United States, but includes the world in general.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise county—Greeting:

Guinn Williams, administrator of the estate of N. J. Dobson, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said N. J. Dobson deceased, No. 1549 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with his resignation as such administrator and an application to be discharged from further liability thereunder.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger a newspaper printed in the county of Wise you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the April term 1914, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, on the 6th day of April, 1914, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, Texas, this 10th day of March, 1914. J. P. WILLIAMS, Clerk County Court Wise County.

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Cohesion and No Cohesion
Without Law

By WENDELL PHILLIPS STAFFORD, Judge of Supreme Court,
District of Columbia

THE people need to look upon the law as their law and to resent any disobedience of its mandates as a defiance of their will. IDEAS HAVE RULED THE WORLD, AND MEN ARE ONLY PUPPETS IN COMPARISON. Nothing could be better for the people of this land today than to take possession of the idea that law, the expression of their own united personality, is a thing noble and inviolable, worthy of every service and sacrifice, and that it must and shall be obeyed. THERE NEVER WAS A GREAT NATION THAT DID NOT REVERENCE THE LAW. There can be no great nation without cohesion, and no cohesion without law.

NO PROFESSION MORE THAN THE LAW NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED BY COMMON SENSE OF DAILY LIFE, FOR ITS VERY PROVINCE IS TO DEAL WITH THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE. LORD NOTTINGHAM, WHEN HE WAS OPPOSING AN OPINION OF THE LAW JUDGES WHICH APPEARED TO HIM TOO TECHNICAL, EXHORTED THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD STAND WITH THE JUDGMENT OF MANKIND WHEN THEY WERE DEBATED ABROAD. I AM AFRAID SOME OF OUR AMERICAN JUDGES MIGHT LEARN A LESSON FROM THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

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Pool Hall Election Result.

The State of Texas, County of Wise—At a called session of the commissioners' court of Wise county, Texas, held in the city of Decatur on Feb. 26, 1914, the matter of opening and counting the votes cast at an election heretofore ordered by said commissioners' court to be held in the various voting precincts throughout Wise county, Texas, on Feb. 14, 1914, to determine whether or not pool rooms should be prohibited in Wise county, Texas, the said election having been held as per said order on said 14th day of Feb. 1914, throughout Wise county and at the different voting boxes and the officers of said election at the various voting boxes having duly made return of the said election and said returns having been returned and deposited with the proper officers. And on this 26th day of February, 1914, in special session of the court having convened for that purpose, the said court consisting of E. M. Allison county judge, T. L. St. Clair, B. M. Downing, W. J. Man and A. J. Allen, the four commissioners of said county being all the members of said court, proceeded to open the polls and count the votes cast at said election, and it appearing from said polls and votes that there were cast at said election 1702 votes as follows: For the prohibition of pool halls 1456 votes, against the prohibition of pool halls 246 votes, being a majority of 1210 for the prohibition of pool halls.

Therefore the operation and maintenance of pool halls in Wise county, Texas, is hereby prohibited in Wise county, Texas until such time as the voters of Wise county, Texas, may at a legal election held for that purpose a majority vote determine otherwise.

State of Texas, County of Wise—J. P. Williams Clerk of the County Court in and for Wise County, Texas, do certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the order of the commissioners' court of said Wise county, Texas, canvassing the returns of an election to prohibit the operation of pool halls in said county, and declaring the results thereof, and prohibiting the operation of pool halls within Wise county, Texas as appears from the commissioners' court minutes in book 4, page 327 record of said county.

Given under my hand and seal of

office at my office in Decatur, Wise county, Texas, on this Feb. 26, 1914. J. P. WILLIAMS County Clerk, Wise County, Texas.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting: Guinn Williams, guardian of the estate of B. F. Fox, et al., minors, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said B. F. Fox, et al., minors, numbered 1513 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the April term, 1914, of said county court, commencing and to be held at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the 6th day of April, 1914, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

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How to Grow Tall.

When the company grows weary of idle talk ask some of the boys if they wish to be instructed in the art of looking tall. It is a funny optical illusion that must be tried to be really realized or understood, yet it is very simple. It merely consists in raising the shoulders, and it is astonishing to see how the simple movement will add to the appearance of height.

Secret Places.

I think the fairies made our house. It's full of hidden nooks that one can hide some cookies in. Or one's best story books.

Right on my garret 'neath the skies There's many a handy spot To tuck a note for fairy eyes: I'm going to write a lot.

One little chink right in the roof Is where I mailed a letter Straight to the queen of Fairyland. Could you have found a better?

I know the carrier dove flew down And took it in his bill And flew straight off to Fairyland O'er field and wood and hill.

Do I expect an answer soon? Why, yes, of course I do! But when or where or how 'twill come I know no more than you.

Pride.

The danger of pride is that it shuts the door to real greatness coming in. Frederick Lynch

SYMPTOMS OF CONSUMPTION

Yield to Vinol.

The medical profession do not believe that consumption is inherited, but a person may inherit a weakness or tendency to that disease.

A prominent citizen of Evansville, Ind., writes: "I was ill for five months with pulmonary trouble, and had the best of doctors; I had hemorrhages and was in a very bad way. Through the advice of a friend I tried Vinol, and I feel that it saved my life. It is all you recommend it to be. I believe it is the greatest medicine on earth. I have advised others to try Vinol, and they have had the same results." (Name furnished on request.)

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Rev. Fred Gentry Passes to Reward

Rev. Fred A. Gentry died at the home of J. E. Boyd in this city last Friday evening at 6:30. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral sermon being preached by Rev. J. L. Ward. The remains were carried to the Pleasant Grove cemetery for interment, where Rev. W. C. Carver concluded the services.

Rev. Gentry had been in ill health for some time, having resigned the presidency of a Baptist college in Havana, Cuba, some months ago returning to Decatur.

Fred Gentry was 36 years of age, was a native of Wise county, having been reared below Decatur, remaining with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gentry, until grown. In 1904 he graduated from Decatur college, and two years later received his A. B. degree at Baylor university. Feeling that he was called to foreign mission service, he prepared himself for this work, and had just served eighteen months in the Cuban school when his health gave way. His close attention to the work of the school and the study of the Spanish language were perhaps the causes of his health failing.

In the death of this man, we lose a most forceful character, and one whom it seemed had just entered into a great work. A thorough training, added to his native ability had made him one of the brightest and most capable of the young ministers in his denomination. Besides his noble traits of christian manhood, Fred possessed many admirable qualities, being genial in nature, always seeing the bright side of life and carrying sunshine into the lives of those with whom he associated. The influence of his life will live long to bless the world, for, during the seemingly short duration of his labors, he wrought right well the work of his Master. Such lives leave the world better, and we are glad to have known this man as a true friend.

A wife, who was Miss Ella Boyd, and a daughter survive Rev. Gentry.

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The lives of so many people have been brightened and bettered by this great remedy that leading druggists now recommend it and seven of America's most prominent physicians O. K'd it, after thorough analysis of its ingredients and effects.

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The local college squad is rounding into form, and while the regular lineup has not been named, the strongest team possible will be put in the field tomorrow. Captain Bloodworth reports excellent material, and that the boys are showing up well.

John Simmons to Join Stock Dealers

John Simmons has made application for membership in the stock dealers' association, having suddenly become eligible to participate in matters controlled by that organization. One day recently John and Rev. Heath made a permanent exchange (Greek for 'swap'), the banker giving his buggy horse for the preacher's buggy mare. Well, Wednesday morning John discovered that he was the owner of two head of stock, a beautiful spotted colt arriving Tuesday night.

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Sam Price Dies in Anneville Country

Sam Price, an old citizen of the Anneville community, died last Saturday and was buried at Walnut Creek Sunday afternoon after appropriate funeral services conducted by Rev. H. K. Agee of Boyd. Mr. Price was about 60 years old, we learn, and had been sick a long time, and but a short time before closing his eyes in death expressed his confidence in making his eternal home in Heaven. The bereaved have our sympathy.—Boyd Index.



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AT PARK SPRINGS, TEXAS	
At the close of business, Mar. 4, 1914.	
RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$ 18,825 50
Overdrafts (None)	
Real estate, banking house	1,170 65
Other real estate	1,800 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,285 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$7,336 86
Cash items	175 87
Currency	1,850 00
Specie	455 75
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	300 00
Total	33,199 63
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Unclaimed profits, net	1,579 40
Individual deposits subject to check	20,633 36
Cashier's checks	232 43
Bills payable and rediscounts (None)	
Other liabilities as follows:	754 44
Total	33,199 63
State of Texas, county of Wise:	
We, John B. Hunt as president, and O. H. Tinsley as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.	
O. H. Tinsley, Ass't Cashier.	
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of Mar. 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.	
T. J. Moss, Notary Public	
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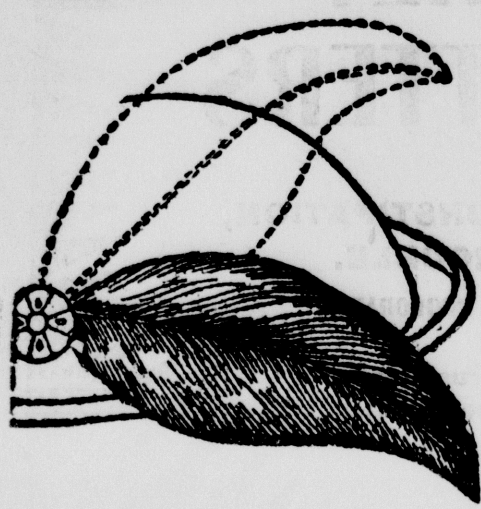
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Chicken Pudding, Texas Style.

Cut up a young chicken into good sized pieces; put in a saucepan with just enough water to cover well. Season with pepper and salt, boil until tender. Take the chicken from the broth and remove all the bones. Place the meat in a well buttered pudding dish, season again if necessary and add a few bits of butter. Make a batter as follows: Eight eggs beaten light, mixed with one quart of milk, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and enough sifted flour to make a batter like griddle cakes. Pour over the chicken and bake one hour in a moderate oven. Make a gravy from the broth that remained from cooking the chicken, adding a tablespoonful of flour stirred into a third of a cup of butter. Let it boil up, adding more water if too thick, and serve with the pudding.

Rice a la Mode.

One-half cupful of rice (steamed in milk and water), six slices bacon, four eggs, one tablespoonful chopped onion, one tablespoonful butter, salt and pepper, one tablespoonful chopped parsley. Melt butter. Add beaten eggs to which milk has been added. Add onion, salt and pepper. Cook slowly until creamy, scraping from the bottom of the pan as the mixture begins cooking. Place a mound of rice in the center of the platter, arrange the carefully fried bacon around the edge of the mound of rice. Serve eggs over rice.

Cream of Oyster Soup.

Heat one pint of oysters in their juice till the edges curl. Drain off the juice, put the oysters through the meat grinder; warm one teaspoonful of butter, blend it with one teaspoonful of flour and add the oyster juice, then the oysters and half a pint of cream. Press through a sieve, add salt and pepper to taste, heat again in a double boiler, add one-fourth cupful more cream and beat it hard with an egg beater. Serve with little squares of toasted bread sprinkled on the soup.

Spaghetti, Italian Style.

Wash and parboil one-half pound of spaghetti, drain it, add one pint of stewed tomatoes mixed with a little stock of beef extract, some chopped onion and herbs, also a small piece of ham cut up. This must be cooked for twenty minutes, then strained and seasoned before pouring it over the spaghetti. Italians also use a clove of garlic in this sauce, but that can be left out. Stir the spaghetti well. Serve with a plateful of Parmesan cheese.

Hashed Brown Potatoes.

Pare, slice and dice eight medium raw potatoes and cover with cold water. Put a small half cupful of fat into a hot frying pan. Drain off all the water and put in the potatoes, with salt and pepper to taste—all under cover of a brisk fire for ten minutes, a slow fire after that. When done remove the cover and return to the fire for two minutes. Sprinkle with powdered celery and turn on a hot platter, the brown side up. Stewed tomatoes are good with both the above.

Oatmeal Gruel.

To one and one-half cupfuls of boiling water add one-fourth cupful of rolled oats, a tablespoonful of flour and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Let boil in the upper part of a double boiler set directly over the fire for two minutes, then set in the lower part of the double boiler, in which water is boiling, and cook for two hours. Strain, bring to the boiling point, add milk or cream as permitted, with perhaps a little sugar.

IN THE SPORTING WORLD

De Oro to Try For Pool Championship.



Photo by American Press Association.

Alfred De Oro intends to challenge Benny Allen of Kansas City in an effort to regain his title as American pool champion. Allen, who is comparatively a youngster, defeated the Cuban veteran in their last match and has declared his willingness to give De Oro an opportunity to win back the championship.

Amateur Baseball League.

Formal organization of the National Amateur Baseball league has been completed in Chicago with the election of officers and the adoption of rules. E. C. Patterson of New York was elected president. Other officers are: First vice president, Clayton C. Townes, Cleveland; second vice president, Jesse S. Smith, Chicago; secretary and treasurer, E. C. Seaton, Chicago; directors, George Buehler, Louisville, Ky.; F. W. Rostock, Cleveland, O.; R. C. Johns, St. Paul; Harry Loudenlager, Columbus, O.; G. D. Turner, Gary, Ind.; R. H. Abeken, St. Louis, and Jesse S. Smith, Chicago. It was decided to open the season May 1 and close in time to hold the championship series before Oct. 15. Each city will organize its own league, the membership being confined to those players who have not received pay for playing baseball or who are not under contract to professional clubs.

Rules of the national commission will govern the association. The meeting adjourned, to be reconvened at the call of the president.

To Saddle Uhlan.

For the first time in trotting horse history a record breaking stepper is going out of harness and under saddle for show purposes. C. K. G. Billings is having his famous trotter, Uhlan, 2:00, the fastest of his type without artificial assistance, sent from his Curis Neck farm, Virginia, to New York.

Uhlan will make his first public appearance as a show saddle horse at the New York spring horse show at Durand's on April 22, 23 and 24 next. Then the course of the season's indoor and outdoor shows will be followed. If Uhlan proves as good a saddle horse as he has shown himself a harness racer there is no doubt that many other owners of trotting stock will hasten to convert their horses.

Heads Penn Grapplers.

Ernest W. Hogg, a senior in the veterinary school of the University of Pennsylvania, was elected captain of the Red and Blue wrestling team. Hogg succeeds to the position formerly held by Henrique Crawford, who was forced to resign on account of leaving college.

Hogg has been a member of the wrestling team at Penn for three years, in which time he has competed in the 175 pound class. Although not a star of the first water, he is, nevertheless, one of the best wrestlers on the squad and has shown much improvement this season under the tutelage of Coach Craig.

King George Offers Cup.

The king of England will offer a cup for an international yacht race to be held during the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915, according to a copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sir William Carrington, the king's aid-de-camp.

The letter is addressed to the exposition authorities and asks that an inscription to be engraved on the cup be forwarded to England. The value of the cup will be \$500, and Sir Thomas Lipton's entry, Shamrock IV, is expected to be one of the competitors.

Consider Return Invasion.

James J. Callahan, manager of the Chicago White Sox, says that there is a possibility that the two teams may again cross the Atlantic in the fall to play in London and other English cities as well as in Paris and Berlin.

Callahan stated that he understood plans were already being considered for the return of the baseball athletes owing to the great interest that has been aroused in the British Isles and on the continent by the few exhibitions staged of the American national pastime.

ROUND THE WORLD

A Washington tree stump makes a stable for two horses.

St. Louis now marks with signposts safety zones in downtown streets.

Russian Poland has 576,200 cattle now as compared to 2,825,023 in 1903.

Italian authorities have been using automobile trucks in Tripoli with great success.

Berlin, Germany, under normal conditions, employs almost 1,000,000 workers in its industries.

The city of Paris has issued a map showing where within its limits the tango may and may not be danced.

The number of postage stamps printed for the United States government last year amounted to 9,773,424,000.

Radium water to be used as a medicinal beverage has been introduced in Holland, according to Vice Consul De Young.

Under forest regulations in Colombia rubber gatherers are required to give the trees a rest period in tapping them for gum.

A St. Louis inventor of a life preserver which has metal webs on the legs claims they enable a person to walk in water.

Boulogne-sur-Mer is the leading fishing port of France and is one of the most important centers for the fishing industry in the world.

Where the garden of Eden once flourished, according to some eminent authorities, irrigation is about to be introduced from the Euphrates.

In New Zealand every man out of work has the right to demand employment on work of public improvement at the prevailing rate of wages.

In southern France the fig tree is now cultivated almost exclusively for the production of the fresh fruit, which always has a ready sale in the large centers.

There are no producing nickel mines in the United States. The output of nickel from domestic ores is merely a byproduct from electrolytes of the copper refineries.

The Berlin telephone station has a scheme by which the movements of physicians are recorded in case of an urgent call when their services will be desired quickly.

A French scientist is experimenting to prevent fogs by floating small quantities of oil on the surface of rivers to check evaporation, to which he contends fogs are due.

A rancher has applied for rental of 320 acres of the Pike national forest, Colorado, to be used in connection with private land for raising elk as a commercial venture.

Baseball for its male employees, tennis for its women and other recreations for both are provided by a Chicago department store on the roof of its extensive building.

A new English mine rescue apparatus does away with the helmet and weighs only twenty-eight pounds, yet with it a man can work in deadly gases more than five hours.

Flint pebbles gathered on the coast of France and of which about \$40,000 worth are annually exported from Havre to the United States, are valued at present at \$7.75 per metric ton.

Lead pencil manufacture in the United States is consuming 73,000,000 feet of lumber annually, of which about one-half is estimated to be wasted in sharpening or throwing away short ends.

Women of the Portuguese province of Mozambique in Africa make a white cosmetic by grinding a certain kind of wood in water. They assert it removes wrinkles and prevents eruptive blemishes.

In the city planning congress at Ghent there was much advocacy of streets so laid out as to allow the greatest possible amount of sunlight in order to secure the fullest microbial action of the rays.

The United States Steel corporation has paid \$1,063,053.43 in pensions to more than 2,000 former employees during the past three years, according to the third annual report of the pension fund, recently published.

In these days of big libraries it seems odd to spread the news that a collection of books at Princeton has been brought up to eight volumes. But they are all early books on Amerigo Vesputci, which makes a difference.

About 5,000 tons of cork sawdust are used in Spain annually in packing fruits for shipment. Some 40,000 persons are employed in some manner in the cork industry in Spain, with an average wage of about 67 cents a day.

Cotton promises to be one of the great crops of the Panama canal zone. One grower has hybridized wild cotton with plants from the United States. He also has an ever bearing variety which is pruned to produce a new growth.

Both Colombia and Peru are competitors of Ecuador in the manufacture of Panama hats, though Ecuador has the advantage of being the sole producer, so far as is known, of the best grade of "toquilla," the straw or grass from which the hats are made.

Russia produces nearly all of the world's supply of platinum, about 13,250 pounds annually. In 1892 it cost \$89 a pound and it is now worth \$488 a pound. Extensive deposits found in Germany will, it is hoped, considerably increase the world's supply.

By a new process pineapple leaves, which were formerly waste, can be made into paper fiber at a profit. The fiber is a tough substance that can be used for insulating purposes, and seventy pounds of fiber can be manufactured from a ton of pineapple leaves.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—First Quarter, For March 22, 1914.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke xlii, 18-35. Memory Verses, 18, 19—Golden Text, Matt. vii, 21—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The topic of this study is entitled "Lessons by the Way," and in the verses for today we have lessons for all the way, always centering upon Him who is "the way," hated by His adversaries, rejoiced in by His people (verse 17). There is much in the lesson concerning the kingdom, for which He taught us to pray to our Father in Heaven, saying "Thy kingdom come." We must distinguish between the present age, during which the kingdom is postponed and which our Lord spoke of as "the mystery of the kingdom of God" (Mark iv, 11), and the kingdom itself to be set up on this earth at His second coming in glory.

The two parables of our lesson must be studied in the light of their setting not only here, but as first recorded in Matt. xlii. The closing verses of our lesson chapter tell of the desolation of Jerusalem until He shall come again. But when the kingdom comes Jerusalem shall be the throne of the Lord, a city of truth and a praise in the earth (Jer. iii, 17; Zech. viii, 3; Isa. lxii, 6). In Ps. cii, 16, it is written that the Lord will build up Zion when He shall appear in His glory. The kingdom was at hand when our Lord was here in humiliation, as was preached by our Lord Himself, and by His apostles, as well as by John the Baptist, but because they rejected Him and killed Him He plainly told them that the kingdom would not come till His return from the far country (Luke xix, 11, 12). He did not begin to speak in parables until they determined to kill Him (Matt. xli, 14). Then follows in Matt. xli the seven parables describing this age of the mystery of the kingdom. The parables of the mustard seed and of the leaven in this lesson are repetitions of two of those, the former speaking of a great tree with birds in the branches and the latter of leaven in the food.

In explaining the parable of the sower our Lord said that the birds represented the wicked one (Matt. xlii, 4, 19), and a symbol once explained stands. We have seen in a recent lesson that leaven is always a symbol of evil. The teaching therefore is that in this age of the mystery of the kingdom or the time between the rejection and the coming of the kingdom, many followers of the wicked one will profess to be interested, but the teaching will become thoroughly corrupt, and tares, the work of the devil (Matt. xlii, 38, 39), will be found with the wheat till the end of this age. To all these deceived and deceiving ones He will have to say, "I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity" (verses 26, 27). Many shall come from all parts of the earth to share and enjoy the kingdom, while many who thought themselves deserving of it shall find their place where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (verses 28, 29).

We must ponder well and lay to heart the words of our Lord to one of the best and most religious men of his day, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John iii, 5).

Judging from the denial in our own times, of the fundamental truths of the gospel, it is to be feared that many church members and many ministers and missionaries have never been born again. It is not for us to talk about few or many being saved, but it is essential that each one should know for himself that he is saved by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and that appropriating the great truth "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me," "His own self bare my sins in His own body" (Gal. ii, 20; 1 Pet. ii, 24). He is able to say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," "I know whom I have believed" and, "having come to Him, I am not cast out" (Job xix, 25; 11 Tim. i, 12; John vi, 37). It is still the accepted time, and the day of salvation for all who will come, but when once the door is shut it will be too late. There will come a time when the despisers and haters of truth shall call and get no answer, shall seek and shall not find (Prov. i, 24-31). Our Lord said that unbelievers shall die in their sins, and thus dying, cannot come where He is (John viii, 21, 24). As in the days of Noah, it will be shut in or shut out.

In this age of the mystery or the postponement of the kingdom, the Spirit is, like the servant of Abraham, telling of the riches of the Father and the Son and seeking a bride for the Son, or, in other words, gathering from all nations by the preaching of the gospel of the risen Christ the church or body of Christ, but we must never confound the church with the kingdom. The church will reign with Christ in the kingdom, but the kingdom will include all nations, as it is said in Dan. vii, 27, "The kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven."

There may be some great surprises awaiting us when we shall see Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and the twelve apostles on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (verse 28 and chapter xxii, 30). His reference to the two days and the third day (32) may point to the 2,000 years of this age, and the next thousand, which will be His reign of righteousness and peace.

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